

REMARKS

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 9 has been cancelled. All remaining claims 1, 3-8 and 10 are allowed. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

REJECTION OF CLAIM 9 FOR OBVIOUSNESS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a) AS BEING UPATENTABLE OVER CORRENTI ET AL. IN VIEW OF KASSIR

Claim 9 is cancelled herein and, thus, the rejection thereof is considered moot.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

In the Office Action Summary, the Examiner states that claims 1, 3-8 and 10 are allowed.

CONCLUSION

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot. Further, all pending claims are allowed.

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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